

Percentage of children aged 18 years and younger who received preventive dental services during 1997 by type of service

Characteristics	General exam or consultation	Cleaning, prophylaxis, or polishing	X-rays, radiographs, or bitewings	Fluoride treatment	Fillings	Orthodontia, braces, or retainers
	Percent receiving services					
Total percent	35.3 (33.5, 37.1)	30.9 (29.1, 32.7)	17.5 (16.2, 18.8)	12.4 (11.1, 13.7)	7.7 (7.0, 8.5)	7.0 (6.2, 7.8)
Age						
Under 6	17.4 (15.6, 19.2)	13.2 (11.7, 14.8)	6.0 (4.9, 7.2)	6.2 (5.0, 7.3)	3.1 (2.4, 3.9)	—
6-8	44.0 (40.5, 47.6)	39.6 (36.1, 43.1)	23.0 (20.0, 26.0)	19.7 (16.6, 22.7)	11.7 (9.6, 13.8)	—
9-11	50.3 (46.6, 53.9)	45.0 (41.5, 48.6)	27.6 (24.5, 30.6)	20.0 (17.2, 22.8)	10.5 (8.5, 12.4)	9.2 (7.3, 11.2)
12-15	42.4 (39.0, 45.7)	38.2 (34.9, 41.4)	20.7 (18.2, 23.3)	13.1 (10.7, 15.5)	8.2 (6.8, 9.6)	17.8 (15.4, 20.1)
16-18	37.6 (34.4, 40.8)	33.5 (30.3, 36.8)	20.4 (17.7, 23.0)	9.0 (7.0, 10.9)	9.5 (7.6, 11.3)	10.1 (8.0, 12.3)
Race/ethnicity						
Non-Hispanic white and other	40.8 (38.6, 43.1)	36.5 (34.2, 38.8)	20.4 (18.6, 22.1)	15.3 (13.6, 17.0)	8.6 (7.6, 9.5)	8.9 (7.9, 10.0)
Non-Hispanic black	23.0 (20.1, 25.8)	19.3 (16.5, 22.0)	10.6 (8.7, 12.5)	6.3 (4.8, 7.9)	—	—
Hispanic	22.9 (20.4, 25.3)	17.7 (15.4, 19.9)	11.8 (9.9, 13.8)	5.6 (4.1, 7.2)	7.2 (5.8, 8.5)	2.9 (2.0, 3.7)
Gender						
Male	33.9 (31.8, 36.0)	29.9 (27.8, 32.0)	17.2 (15.5, 18.9)	11.9 (10.3, 13.5)	7.3 (6.3, 8.3)	5.4 (4.6, 6.3)
Female	36.7 (34.6, 38.8)	32.0 (29.8, 34.1)	17.8 (16.2, 19.4)	13.0 (11.4, 14.5)	8.2 (7.1, 9.3)	8.6 (7.5, 9.7)
Federal poverty level (FPL)						
Below FPL	22.6 (20.0, 25.2)	17.3 (14.9, 19.7)	11.2 (9.2, 13.1)	4.7 (3.3, 6.1)	7.8 (6.3, 9.3)	—
At/above FPL	38.4 (36.4, 40.4)	34.3 (32.3, 36.2)	19.1 (17.6, 20.6)	14.4 (12.9, 15.9)	7.7 (6.9, 8.6)	8.2 (7.2, 9.1)
Insurance status						
Any private ^a	41.4 (39.3, 43.6)	37.3 (35.2, 39.5)	20.3 (18.6, 22.0)	15.6 (13.8, 17.3)	7.8 (6.9, 8.8)	9.2 (8.2, 10.3)
Any public	24.2 (21.7, 26.6)	18.4 (16.2, 20.6)	12.4 (10.3, 14.5)	5.9 (4.6, 7.3)	9.0 (7.4, 10.6)	—
Uninsured	17.0 (14.0, 20.0)	13.6 (10.9, 16.2)	9.4 (7.0, 11.7)	—	—	—

— Sample size insufficient to produce reliable national estimates.

^a Includes CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA, which cover military dependents and veterans respectively.

Source: 1997 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Household Component, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.